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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Submitted by the Secretary-General

1. Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Election of the Chairperson.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. Election of other officers of the Meeting.

5. Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155).

6. Other matters.

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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2009

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Twelfth Meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, for the purpose of electing nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2009 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2011 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 23 June 2008 invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. All the CVs received until 22 July 2008 are included in this document.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document.

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Name of candidate	*Nominated by*
Mr. Houngbédji ADJAI	Benin
Ms. Hadeel AL-ASMAR	The Syrian Arab Republic
Ms. Nafisa Hamoud AL-JAIFI	Yemen
Ms. Nora AMILCAR JEAN FRANÇOIS	Haiti
Mr. Peter GURAN	Slovakia
Mr. Mohammad Farid HAMIDI	Afghanistan
Mr. Christos KONIS	Cyprus
Mr. Sanphasit KOOMPRAPHANT	Thailand
Ms. Yanghee LEE	Republic of Korea
Ms. Beatriz LINARES CANTILLO	Colombia
Mr. Ruslan MALIUTA	Ukraine
Ms. Marta MAURAS PEREZ	Chile
Mr. Awich POLLAR	Uganda
Mr. Ghassan Salim RABAH	Lebanon
Mr. Farith Ricardo SIMON CAMPAÑA	Ecuador
Ms. Kamla Devi VARMAH	Mauritius
Ms. Susana VILLARAN DE LA PUENTE	Peru
Ms. Carmen ZAMMIT	Malta
Mr. Jean ZERMATTEN	Switzerland
Mr. Jean-Baptiste ZOUNGRANA	Burkina Faso

Annex I

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2009

Name of member	*Country of nationality*
Ms. Alya Ahmed Bin Saif AL-THANI	Qatar
Ms. Joyce ALUOCH	Kenya
Ms. Yanghee LEE	Republic of Korea
Mr. David Brent PARFITT	Canada
Mr. Awich POLLAR	Uganda
Mr. Kamal SIDDIQUI	Bangladesh
Ms. Lucy SMITH	Norway
Ms. Nevena VUCKOVIC-SAHOVIC	Republic of Serbia
Mr. Jean ZERMATTEN	Switzerland

Annex II

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2011

Name of member	*Country of nationality*
Ms. Agnes Akosua AIDOO	Ghana
Mr. Luigi CITARELLA	Italy
Mr. Kamel FILALI	Algeria
Ms. Maria HERCZOG	Hungary
Ms. Moushira KHATTAB	Egypt
Mr. Hatem KOTRANE	Tunisia
Mr. Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN	Germany
Ms. Rosa María ORTIZ	Paraguay
Mr. Dainius PURAS	Lithuania

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Houngbédji ADJAI (Benin)

Date and place of birth: 3 April 1960, Adjohoun, Benin

Working languages: French and English

Current position/function:

Social welfare officer, social communicator, and trainer in Information, Education and Communication and in Communication for Behavioural Change. Adviser to the children's judge at the Porto-Novo court of first instance. Director for Childhood and Adolescence at the Ministry of the Family and Children and focal point for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Benin.

Main professional activities:

Drawing up and implementing government policy on the protection of the rights of children and young people. Providing information on child rights issues using the most appropriate media. Training those working to combat child-trafficking. Coordinator of non-governmental organizations' activities and government correspondent for cooperation with international organizations concerned with childhood and adolescence. Following up on bilateral and multilateral agreements on child-trafficking, and drafting country reports. Coordinating the National Child Protection Monitoring and Coordination Unit (a national body to protect children and promote their rights). Helping organize, build up and revitalize social services for children.

Educational background:

Master's in Business Administration (Poitiers, France); State diploma for social workers (University of Benin); training-for-trainers certificate in Information, Education and Communication and in Communication for Behavioural Change (Lomé, Togo); certificate in community development for young people (Haija, Israel); international course on people-trafficking (Turin, Italy); Baccalaureate D.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Coordinated a national study on child-trafficking in Benin. Coordinated the drafting of national child-protection policy and strategies in Benin. Coordinated the drafting of the Beninese Children's Code. Coordinated the drafting of Act No. 2004/04 of 10 April 2006 on conditions for the displacement of minors and the suppression of child-trafficking in the Republic of Benin. Coordinated the drafting of the "Protection" section of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework for Benin, 2009-2013. Coordinated the preparation and management of

the programme on comprehensive community-based treatment for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Coordinated the preparation of the programme on community-based treatment for orphans and vulnerable children: psychological and social support, education, health and nutrition, and social rehabilitation.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Articles on the protection of children and promotion of their rights in *Le Soleil*, a newspaper produced by the Ministry of the Family and Children.

Hadeel AL-ASMAR (Syrian Arab Republic)

Date and place of birth: 15 May 1967, Amman, Jordan

Working languages: Arabic and English

Current position/function:

- UNESCO Coordinator for developing the Early Childhood Sector in Syria
- Board member of the NGO Rainbow for a better childhood
- Board member of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs
- Vice-President of the International Montessori School, Damascus (Syria)

Main professional activities:

- Established two charity kindergartens, one in Qunaitera Province, and the other in Orphaned Founding Care House, Damascus Province
- Established the first hall devoted to children in the Damascus National Museum as a pilot project for children to study historical ruins and museums
- Established the first Children Public Libraries in many provinces in Syria
- Member of the Committee for creating formulae and standards for books and Curricula of kindergartens as mandated by the Ministry of Education
- Member of the Principal Committee of Licensing Private Schools and institutes
- Developing a National Strategy for Early Childhood

Educational background:

- Masters degree in the Convention on the Rights of the Child from Lebanon University and the Arab Institute of Human Rights in Tunisia (2007)
- International diploma in Early Childhood Education by using Montessori Method from ICME British Center (2002)
- Bachelor's degree in Economics from Damascus University (1991)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Member of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs (SCFA) committee establishing the first child protection unit in Syria, for child maltreatment, report and referral
- Participating in the development of Child Right Law in Syria (under development)

- Participated with the Ministry of Education in deliberating and preparing the executive instructions for the national private teaching law in 2005

- Participating in the municipal law for a Syrian Child Parliament and its by-law

- Conducting training and awareness courses for children on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in many Governorates of Syria

List of most recent publications in the field:

Facts for life, co-editor. SCFA and UNICEF, 2006.

Children Hearings research in Syria, 2007.

National Child Rights Law (in preparation), 2008.

UNESCO Early Childhood Center by-law, co-editor (in preparation), 2008.

Nafisa Hamoud AL-JAIFI (Yemen)

Date and place of birth: 6 January 1956, Taiz, Yemen

Working languages: Arabic (mother tongue) and English (fluent)

Current position/function:

- Assistant Professor of pediatrics, Sana'a University, College of Medicine
- General Secretary for (Higher Council for Motherhood and Childhood)
- Chairwoman at The National Safe Motherhood Alliance (NSMA)
- Vice-Chairman of Yemen Pediatric Association

Main professional activities:

- Teaching medical students pediatrics at Sana'a University
- Set the strategies and outline of the general policies regarding mothers and children
- Suggesting the drafts of motherhood and childhood laws, regulations, and systems that ensure their rights and follow-up of their ratifications
- Coordinating and cooperate with all national and international agencies responsible for the rights of the child
- Preparing required data, statistics, and studies concerning motherhood and childhood issues
- Building the capacity for workers in related ministries and NGOs

Educational background:

- Professional specialization certificate in International Child and Youth, Care for Development, University of Victoria, Canada (2006)
- PhD in Pediatrics (Neonatology), Saint-Petersburg, Pediatrics Medical Academy (1996)
- MSc in Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University (1986)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Establishing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme in Yemen including establishing ECD Resource Center, ECD Diploma, raising awareness
- Preparing different laws modifications concerning juvenile age, female genital mutilation, marriage age, protection against violence and trafficking

- Supporting the children participation and their parliament
- Activating negotiations with Saudi Arabia about combating child trafficking
- Supervizing Yemeni social studies on violence against children, street children, child abuse, and global study on Child Poverty and Disparities
- Evaluating the eradication of poliomyelitis and promoting the children health
- Preparing and discussing the periodic reports under the Convention on the Rights of the Child with related committee in Geneva

List of most recent publications in the field:

- "Profile of Pediatric Emergency in Yemen", *Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal*, vol. 14, March/April 2008
- "Breast Feeding Promoting in Yemen", *Kaser El Aini Medical Journal*, vol. 8, No. 4, July 2002

Norah AMILCAR JEAN FRANCOIS (Haiti)

Date and place of birth: 6 October 1954, Dessalines, Haiti

Working languages: French, Creole, Spanish (basic) and English (basic)

Main professional activities:

2002-2008	Judge-counsellor for social defence, Port-au-Prince court of appeal.
1981-1991	Lawyer's practice.
1991-1996	Civil servant, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, assistant for legal, cultural and consular affairs.
1996-2002	Judge, Port-au-Prince court of first instance, children's judge.
1997-1997	Intern, Strasbourg regional court.
	Intern, European Court of Human Rights (cases involving minors).
1997	Law professor, National Academy for Diplomacy and Consular Affairs.
1999-2001	Organizer, session on children's law, Faculty of Law and Economics, Port-au-Prince.
2002	Signatory, San Juan Declaration for Gender Justice.
2005	Professor of criminal law and procedure for minors, Haiti State University and private universities.
2006	Research into the low rate of women's participation in legal and justice systems in Haiti.
1997-2007	Speaker and organizer at about 100 seminars and symposiums on children's law for pupil barristers, judges, police officers, students and instructors.

Educational background:

2005-2007	Faculty of Law and Economics, master's degree in law (completed).
1997	Legal Service Training College (France), advanced diploma.
1977-1981	Faculty of Law and Economics, degree.
1983-1985	Faculty of Applied Linguistics (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), preparatory dissertation.
1981-1983	School of Integrated Management.
1976-1977	Collège Jean Price Mars (Philosophy).

1974-1976 Collège Moïse Louverture (grade 11-12).

1969-1974 Lycée du Tricinquantenaire, Port-au-Prince (grade 7-11).

1964-1969 Jacques 1er State school (Dessalines), certificate.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Inheritance law and its implications in the Vallée de l'Artibonite (dissertation for law degree)
- Current Haitian legislation on minors (collection of laws relating to minors), 66 pp.
- Founder of the Haitian League for the Promotion and Defence of the Rights of Women and the Family
- Report on children in difficulty in Haiti
- Founder of the Haitian Association of Women Judges and the Haitian branch of the International Association of Women Judges
- Attended conferences on the rights of women and girls
- Academic assistance for children at risk
- Supervision of final-year law students preparing dissertations and vivas
- *Un nouveau regard sur l'enfance haïtienne* (A new look at children in Haiti), vols. 1 and 2 (in preparation)

Seminars and research:

2006 Family law and civil procedure (Judiciary Training College, Dominican Republic).

Peter GURAN (Slovakia)

Date and place of birth: 11 May 1957, Marin, Slovakia

Working language: English

Current position/function:

Head of international relations and children rights department of Slovak National Centre for Human Rights. Main responsibilities: preparation and presentation of annual report on the rights of the child in Slovakia; monitoring of actual problems of children in Slovakia; research in the field of family, human rights, children rights; project coordination; international cooperation.

Main professional activities:

Monitoring, data collection and research in the field of children rights, children advocacy and socio-legal counselling. Organization of seminar, round tables and trainings dealing with children issues. Comments and recommendations to the legislation in the field of family and human rights. Coordination of national and international projects in the field. Active participation at the work of most important EU organizations dealing with children rights. Participation at EU comparative studies and expertise of the particular aspects of children rights. Participation at the preparation and representation of the initial and first CRC report of Slovakia (October 2000) and second report (May 2007).

Educational background:

1976-1980	Department of sociology, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia (Master in Sociology).
1981-1983	Department of Sociology, Comenius University, Bratislava (PhD).
2009	Department of Politics, Comenius University, Bratislava (PhD).

Social courses: national level, family policy, gender equality, international level - organized by UN demography (Malta 1996), family and technology (Dublin 1998).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Associated member of ChildONEurope (Florence), since 2004 (co-author of studies, member of expert group to inter-country adoption in EU countries). Member of FORUM for children rights by EC, DG justice and home affairs since 2007. Member of "L'Europe de l'Enfance" - EU intergovernmental group since 2002.

Member of expert groups and committees in the field of human rights and children rights in Slovakia (Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, National Council).

Long-term cooperation with UNICEF Slovakia (co-author of reports, active participation at seminars and meetings), representation of Slovakia by ICC NHRS in Geneva.

Former position (1994-1999): vice-director of Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies (affiliated to UN). 1999-2005, director general at Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, responsible for family policy and social inclusion.

Mohammad Farid HAMIDI (Afghanistan)

Date and place of birth: 24 August 1967, Nengarhar, Afghanistan

Working languages: Dari and English

Current position/function:

- Commissioner of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission in charge of Monitoring and Investigation Unit
- Member of Advisory Board to the President of Afghanistan on Senior Appointments
- Member of Treaty Reporting Committee appointed by the President
- Member Board of Directors, Foundation for Cultural and Civil Society

Main professional activities:

Overseeing the activities of monitoring and investigation unit of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission; authorizing investigation of human rights violations and abuses; assigning teams for investigation of international humanitarian law breaches. Analyzing, compiling and making recommendation on finding of every incident that are resulted by breach of international humanitarian law.

Advising President of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on credibility of candidates for senior Government Offices from a human rights perspective and facilitating vetting process of the police appointments.

Analysing and compiling relevant human rights data provided by Human Rights Treaty Reporting Committee for Afghanistan human rights periodic reporting.

Educational background:

- BA Criminal Law, Academy of Police, Kabul
- BA Law and Political Science, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University of Kabul
- Certificate Course of Conflict Resolution, Birmingham (United Kingdom)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Member of Universal Periodic Review Report team (UPRR) involved in analysing and compilation of Afghanistan economic, social and cultural rights treaty reporting.

Involved and conducted training sessions for Civil Society Organizations on preparation of ESCR shadow report.

List of most recent publications in the field:

- International Human Rights Law and Afghanistan's Obligations
- Series of essays on modernization of Afghanistan
- Legal and law reform of Afghanistan

Christos KONIS (Cyprus)

Date and place of birth: 22 July 1936, Kythrea, Cyprus

Working languages: Greek and English

Current position/function:

- Scientific Consultant to the Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children (PCCPWC)
- Member of the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner for Children's Rights
- Social psychologist, researcher

Main professional activities:

- As an active social worker and for many years Director of the Department of Social Welfare, played a leading role in research, planning and implementation of all child welfare programmes of the country and participated actively in relevant bodies of the British Commonwealth and the Council of Europe
- As a volunteer has been a leader of professional bodies and NGOs in the area of child and youth welfare and children's rights
- As founder, President for many years and now consultant to the PCCPWC, has a leadership role in all its activities such as lobbying at all levels of government, lecturing, training of volunteers in the area of children's rights, drafting recommendations for legislative innovation and other measures for safeguarding children's rights, etc.
- Established the Cyprus Children's Parliament, internationally and nationally recognized as good practice of children's participation

Educational background:

- BA in Social Psychology (United Kingdom)
- MSW, Tulane University (United States of America)
- Many seminars and courses in Social Work and Social Administration

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Played a leading role in implementing the Declaration of Children's Rights until 1989 and the signature and ratification of the UNCRC in 1990. Participated in the drafting and enactment by Parliament of legislation for the introduction of Children's Ombudsperson in Cyprus. Activist for safeguarding the right of children's participation in decision-making in all areas of social recreational and political activity. Member of the Policy Working Group "EUROCHILD"

(a European federation of child welfare NGOs promoting children's rights). Participation in all conferences and other activities concerning children's rights at national and European level.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Two books in Greek (*Social Reconstruction*, 1984, and *The True Profile of Cypriot Youth*, 1990). Numerous articles and speeches on child welfare and children's rights, which were included in PCCPWC reports on seminars and annual conferences or published in the Cypriot press.

Sanphasit KOOMPRAPHANT (Thailand)

Date and place of birth: 20 September 1949, Thailand

Working languages: Thai and English

Current position/function:

Director of Center for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation (CPCR) in Bangkok; managing to protect abused and neglected children and to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the multidisciplinary approach through multidisciplinary network; building up multidisciplinary teams in nine major provinces of Thailand; establishing network of agencies in the Mae Kong Region to protect child victims of trafficking in the region and to prevent the vulnerable group from being trafficked.

Main professional activities:

- Identify and investigate child abuse and neglect including child trafficking; develop legislation on child protection; develop instruments for child protective services on monitoring the child and the family; identification of abuse and neglect, family assessment tools, guidelines for management of treatment for child victims and their families, social reintegration of victims and develop prevention measures to make family, school and community be safe places for children

- Participating in many national bodies such as National Child Protection Committee, the Subcommittee on Legislation for the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to establish National Policy on Child Protection and implement the legal protection of any children in Thailand

- Acting as legal adviser to government and non-governmental agencies on how to implement, interpret and enforce the law, particularly on Child Protection Act 2003, Victim of Domestic Violence Protection Act 2007 and the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act 2008

Educational background:

Bachelor's degree in Economics, Bachelor's degree in Law and Honorable Doctor of Social Work, Thammasat University (Bangkok).

2000 Training on "Child Witness Support" at the Royal New Zealand Police College at Porirua.

1997 International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights, University of Ghent (Belgium).

1985 Law and Human Rights training course, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague (Netherlands).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Member of the National Committee of Child Protection (2004-2010)
- Member of the National Committee of the National Youth Promotion Bureau (2002-2008)
- Member of the Drafting Committee on the Child Protection Act (2003)
- Member of the Drafting Committee on the Thai National Human Rights Commission Act
- President of the Coordinating Committee for Human Rights Organizations in Thailand
- Treasurer of the Coalition to Fight Against Child Exploitation (FACE)
- Legal adviser and assistant to the treasurer of the Foundation for Children
- President of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), 2008-2010
- Advisory board of research on "problems and trend of child labour in Thailand and effect to the child labour future development", TDRI 2001
- Researcher on Measure of the Suppression and Prevention of Children and Women Trafficking in Thailand (2002-2003)

List of most recent publications in the field:

- *Handbook on the Management of Treatment for Child & Woman Victims of Trafficking*, Thai edition (ISBN 974-91395-3-4), 2003
- *Practical Handbook for Multidisciplinary Team on Handling of Child Protection*, Thai edition (ISBN 974-685-038-5), 2004

Yanghee LEE (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 24 July 1956, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Working languages: Korean, English, French and Spanish

Current position/function:

- Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Professor at the Sungkyunkwan University (Joint appointment: Faculty of Law and Department of Child Psychology and Education)
- Executive Board Member of the Korean Committee for UNICEF
- Member of the National Coordinating Committee on Children's Policy
- Advisor Member of National Human Rights Commission
- International Board of Trustees Member of African Child Policy Forum

Main professional activities:

- Founder and President of the Korean Society for the Rights of Children with Disabilities
- Vice-Chair of the Korean Association for Child Studies
- Co-Founder and Governing Board Member of Korean Council for Children's Rights
- Governing Board Member of the Korean Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Member of the Korean Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Member of the Korean Counselling Psychological Association
- Member of the Korean Association for Special Education
- Member of the Ministry of Justice Advisory Committee

Educational background:

- Bachelor of Science in French (minor in Chinese), Georgetown University (USA)
- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education for the Handicapped, University of Missouri-Columbia (USA)
- PhD in Early Childhood (Support Area in Child and Family Development), University of Missouri-Columbia (USA)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Co-drafter of general comment No. 9, Rights of the Child with Disabilities
- Inaugural lecture for the Executive Masters Program (Sion, 2007)
- Chaired the Regional Workshop for the Implementation of the Concluding Observations to CRC for eight Francophone African States (Burkina Faso, 2007)
- Oral Report to the General Assembly (New York, 2007)
- Addressed Women and Children: The Human Rights Relationship Asia Regional Conference (Bangkok, 2007)
- Addressed "World Fit for Children in a Europe Fit for Children" (San Rossore, 2007)
- Town Hall Meeting and Round Table Discussion during World Fit for Children +5 (2007)
- Delivered keynote address at the 2008 Asia Human Rights Forum, "Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child for Migrant Children in Asia"
- Delivered Third Annual Lecture at Children's Law Center (Belfast, 2008)
- Keytone speaker at Symposium on Framing Legal and Human Rights Strategies for Change "Expanding human rights persons with disabilities: Laying the groundwork for a 21st century movement" (University of Washington, 2008)
- Keynote speaker at Third International Policy Conference on the African Child: Child Poverty in Africa, "Child Rights, Child Wellbeing and Child Poverty" (Addis Ababa, 2008)
- Addressed the Executive Board Meeting of UNICEF (New York, 2008)
- Addressed Council of Europe initiative against corporal punishment of children: International launch (Zagreb, 2008)
- Addressed European Symposium: Ethics and paediatric clinical research in Europe (Marseille, 2008)
- Addressed Global Summit for International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Chicago, 2008)

List of most recent publications in the field:

- Everyone has a right to be happy: Children's rights education program, Korea, 2005
- A Study on the Development of Self-Regulation Rating Scale, *Journal of Korean Council for Children's Rights*, 2005

- A Study of the Parental Attitudes, Stress and Coping Behavior in Mothers of Children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD), *Journal of Human Life Sciences*, 2005

- Validity and reliability of the Korean version of Multidimensional Students' Life Satisfaction Scale (K-MSLSS), *The Korean Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 2005

- Effect of group art therapy on depression, self-concept and life satisfaction in children of single parents, *Journal of Human Life Sciences*, 2006

- Development of a web-based "Think World" programme to decrease aggression and increase problem-solving skills of elementary school students, *The Korean Journal of Counselling and Psychotherapy*, 2006

- Foreword to Children as Active Citizens Government commitments and society's obligations for children's civil rights and civic engagement in East Asia and the Pacific: A policy and programme guide, UNICEF, 2007

- 18 Candles in 18 Candles, IDE, and OHCHR, 2007

- Children and their rights, Korea, 2007

- Development and validation of the resilience scale for children in Grade through 6, *Korean Journal of Child Studies*, 2007

- Child maltreatment and resilience: Mediating effects of cognitive function and social support, *Korean Journal of Child Studies*, 2008

Beatriz LINARES CANTILLO (Colombia)

Date and place of birth: 24 September 1958, Bogotá, Colombia

Working languages: Spanish

Current position/function:

Following an agreement between the Office of the Vice-President of Colombia and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), adviser to the Vice-President on the design and implementation of national policy on the prevention of the recruitment and use of children by organized groups acting outside the law, through coordination of the State institutions responsible for guaranteeing children's rights.

Main professional activities:

Since November 2004, the candidate has been working as an expert consultant on the human rights of children, young persons, women and indigenous peoples. In this capacity, she has coordinated and implemented projects with international organizations, organizations of the United Nations system, Colombian government bodies and non-governmental organizations, including IOM, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Office of the Vice-President of Colombia, Plan International and the International Center for Education and Human Development (CINDE).

From 1997 to 2004, the candidate worked as Public Advocate of the Rights of Children, Youth and Women in the office of the Colombian Ombudsman. In this capacity, she drew up and implemented national policies on the promotion and protection of the human rights of those population groups. In 1996, she was Director of Decentralization in Education at the Ministry of Education. From 1994 to 1996, she was Director of Prevention and Conciliation at the Ministry of Justice and Law, where she initiated the national programme of mediation centres. From 1988 to 1993, she was director of the undergraduate course at the Faculty of Law, University of the Andes, and lecturer on children's legislation and State responsibility. In the same period, she was in charge of the programme on legal practices in family counselling centres in Bogotá.

Educational background:

Law graduate, University of the Andes, Colombia.

Specialist in Public Management and Administrative Institutions, University of the Andes, Colombia.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

From 1994 to 2006, the candidate led efforts to bring domestic legislation into line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other human rights treaties dealing with children, with the submission of four draft bills to Congress. She did this while working for the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Alliance for Colombian Children. The most recent of the bills, which was signed by 45 members of Congress, the Attorney-General and the Ombudsman, is today the Code on Childhood and Adolescence. The candidate has over 17 years

of professional experience, and in every position she has held has tried to shape public policy and encouraged the promotion and dissemination of human rights from the viewpoint of the bearers of those rights; she has led efforts to improve institutions' and communities' knowledge and understanding of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the seven other specialized treaties, as well as the Code on Childhood and Adolescence. Her activities in the field of children's rights at the international level include attending the special session of the General Assembly on children held in New York in 2002, as special adviser and member of the Colombian delegation.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Some of the most recent of the candidate's many publications on children's and women's rights are:

- *Código de la Infancia y la Adolescencia* (Code on Childhood and Adolescence), with commentary. UNICEF, Colombia, 2007.

- "Cartilla sobre rutas jurídicas para la protección de niños y niñas que se desvinculan de grupos armados al margen de la ley" (Handbook on legal means to protect children who leave outlawed armed groups). Fundación Social, Colombia, 2007.

- Children and armed conflict in Colombia. Meeting reports: *Los Niños y las Niñas de la Guerra* (War children), 24 August 2000; *Infancia y Desplazamiento Forzado* (Children and forced displacement), March 2001. Article: "La niñez afectada por el conflicto armado: cómo desvincularla y protegerla" (Children affected by armed conflict: how to extricate and protect them). Convenio del Buen Trato, Fundación Antonio Restrepo Barco, Fundación Rafael Pombo, Casa Editorial El Tiempo and Save the Children.

Ruslan MALIUTA (Ukraine)

Date and place of birth: 10 August 1979, L'viv, Ukraine

Working languages: English, Ukrainian and Russian

Current position/function:

Vice-President and chief operational officer of Father's House International Charity Foundation, Kyiv (Ukraine), a non-governmental charity which focuses on protection of children's rights and support for children at risk. A founder of International Leadership and Development Centre that provides training and develops resources in the field of child welfare.

Main professional activities:

Management and supervision of ongoing projects, development of new projects and key personnel, development and coordination of relations with international and local partners, advocacy activities for protection of children's rights.

Educational background:

Kyiv Bible Institute, BA.

Evangel Theological Seminary, MA.

Courses on various subjects in the fields of child welfare, psychology, organizational management and leadership.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Participation in the reform of orphanage system and development of adoption and foster care in Ukraine.

Development of collaboration between the Government, NGOs and private sector for protection of children's rights.

Teaching on child welfare, leadership and management.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Adoption Step by Step, one of the authors.

Field Guide to Child Welfare, a scientific reader of Russian translation.

Marta MAURAS PEREZ (Chile)

Date and place of birth: 1 January 1947, Santiago, Chile

Working languages: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese

Current position/function:

Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) since March 2005; member of the executive team responsible for intergovernmental and political affairs, information and communication, and policies on women and gender. Works in particular with intergovernmental regional forums to reach agreement on common positions on the subjects of women, statistics, the information society, and population and development. Coordinator for the development of a new communication and information strategy for ECLAC. Coordinator of relations with Headquarters and the specialized agencies. Representative of ECLAC on the United Nations country team in Chile.

Main professional activities:

From 1998 to 2005, she was Director of Economic and Social Affairs in the executive office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, and has kept up her interest in subjects such as Haiti, the information society, HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals. While at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (1974-1998), where she was regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as occupying various managerial and technical posts at headquarters and in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, she worked in particular to promote and support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, with a focus on legal and institutional reform. She has a close relationship with UNICEF, taking part in debates and forums and advising the UNICEF office in Chile and the Spanish Committee for UNICEF. With the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), she is a member of the leadership council of the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS. She is also a member of the board of Latinobarómetro, a polling organization gauging public opinion on democracy and development issues in 18 countries; Comunidad Mujer, a Chilean non-governmental organization promoting gender equity; and Iniciativa de Desarrollo Sur-Norte, an international non-governmental organization promoting the socially responsible use of risk capital. In addition, she is visiting professor in international cooperation at the University of the Basque Country.

Educational background:

Degree in sociology, Catholic University of Chile; Certificate in Public Administration, School of Public Administration, University of Connecticut; certified "coach" under the Newfield Group's Ontology of Language programme.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Expert in policies on the family, women and children. Adviser on reform of the United Nations, the multilateral system and international cooperation. Helped organize the 2002 special session of the General Assembly on children (and the 1990 World Summit for Children), the Millennium

Summit in 2000 and the 2005 World Summit. She was also a member of the team that organized the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg.

List of most recent publications in the field:

- "Mujer y empleo: el caso de Chile" (Women and employment: the case of Chile), presented under the Cátedra Europa programme, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, 2006 (unpublished).

- "The rights of the child: the path toward a model of social inclusion", in Ernest J. Bartell and Alejandro O'Donnell, eds., *The Child in Latin America: Health, Development, and Rights*. University of Notre Dame Press, 2001.

- "Infancia y derechos o la fuerza transformadora" (Children and rights, or the transformational force), in Cynthia Hewitt and Alberto Minujin, eds., *Derechos@Glob.net*. Santillana, 1999.

- "Derechos e inclusión social: desafíos para el siglo XXI" (Rights and social inclusion: challenges for the 21st century), in Eduardo Bustelo and Alberto Minujin, eds., *Todos Entran*. Santillana, 1998.

- *Regreso a Casa: las Familias y las Políticas Públicas* (Returning home: families and public policies), with Cecilia Kaluff. Santillana, 1998.

- "Turning points in the debate on social development", in Crisóstomo Pizarro, ed., *Social Development in the Nineties: the Cases of Chile, Costa Rica and Mexico*. Ariel, 1996.

Awich POLLAR (Uganda)

Date and place of birth: 10 August 1970, Uganda

Working languages: English and Kiswahili

Current position/function:

Legal Officer. A former child soldier who was rehabilitated through formal education, from primary school, secondary school and high school up to law school, to become a leading children's rights advocate.

Main professional activities:

- General provision of legal services to Government
- Provision of alternate dispute resolution in children courts
- Monitoring the implementation of children act
- Researching on possible areas in lacunas on children laws
- Drawing up programmes for children rights education
- Provision of legal aid to parents on juvenile cases

Educational background:

- Bachelor of Laws, Makerere University (Uganda)
- Diploma in Legal Practice/Bar
- Certificate in Parliamentary Legal Procedures and Draftsmanship
- Diploma in HIV/AIDS counselling

Post-armed conflict experience:

2002	Organized and mobilized ex-child soldiers from other belligerent organizations during peace talks with Uganda National Rescue Front II (UNRF II). Counselled other ex-child soldiers who were reported to the Government of Uganda.
1992-1995	Was a research assistant to many international organizations carrying out research on child soldiers (UNICEF) and Network of Researchers and Research Users of Uganda (NURU).

1987	Picked as a peer child soldier to discourage other children from joining rebel forces.
1986-1987	Conducted mass-media campaigns for child soldiers to go back to school. Led the operation of screening for child soldiers from army units nationwide to return them to school.
1986-1990	Became liaison officer for the child soldiers, locating their families and homes after war; organized and mobilized ex-child soldiers from other belligerent parties during peace talks on conflict. A very difficult and lengthy exercise since many did not know where they came from. Led a committee that negotiated with hostile communities to accept ex-child soldiers to be re-integrated in their localities.
1987-1988	Organized and led television and radio programmes to discourage children from joining the armed forces.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Advocacy for child rights through directorship of African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN)
- Researching with other NGOs on child rights
- Help in the resettlement of the rescued children who were abducted by rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)
- As a former child soldier carrying out advocacy against the involvement of children in the armed conflict
- Offering of lectures/tutorials to higher institutions on child rights
- Training of counsellors for traumatized children
- Leading former child soldiers who have been rehabilitated and their involvement in advocacy for the compliance to the United Nations optional protocol on armed conflict
- Guest lecturer at University of Fribourg (Switzerland) as well as other universities in Uganda
- Key speaker to children rights organizations in the Netherlands, Germany and Austria
- Activity involved in the United Nations study on violence against children

Accomplishments:

- Elected Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in the year 2007

- Elected by the States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in the year 2005

- Chairman of Makerere University Counselling Group to erase the social stigma against child soldiers

- Over 2,000 ex-child soldiers returned to school, 80 per cent completed high school education, many of whom are university graduates and professionals

List of most recent publications in the field:

- A critique on the juvenile justice system in Uganda

- Defilement as a form of abuse against children in Africa. Conflict or norms and culture with municipal and international laws

- A simplified guide to the Convention the Rights of the Child

- The Human Rights of Prisoners - a special look at children in conflict with the law

Ghassan Salim RABAH (Lebanon)

Date and place of birth: 27 September 1949, Beirut, Lebanon

Working languages: Arabic and English

Current position/function:

Judge, Court of High Appellate in Beirut.

Advisor to the Lebanese Minister of Justice on international conventions on human and child rights.

Main professional activities:

- President of the Union for the Protection of Juveniles in Lebanon
- General Supervisor of Juvenile House of Correction in Lebanon
- Adviser to the Lebanese Parliamentary Committee on Child's Rights
- Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Geneva (1997-2001)
- Lebanese University (1979 to date)

  Professor of graduate studies Juvenile Delinquency

  Professor of International Commercial Arbitration in English (graduate studies)

  Professor of Jurisprudence in English

Educational background:

- Lebanese University, Faculty of Law:

  State Doctorate. The International Commercial Contracts

  Masters, Public Law: Public International Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law

  Masters, Private Law: Commercial Law, Contracts

  Law Diploma, 1975

  Judicial Institute Diploma, 1978

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Lecturer and instructor on human and child rights to a number of Lebanese and regional governmental and non-governmental agencies.

List of most recent publications in the field:

- Modern Approaches in the Laws of Juvenile Delinquency in the Middle East (1990)
- Amnesty Law (1992)
- History of Laws and Social Regulations (1993)
- Modern Drug Law and Mental Effects (1997)
- An Introduction to Jurisprudence (English), Fourth Edition (2002)
- Law for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Ownership and Computer Crimes (2003)
- Juvenile Rights in Lebanese Law and its Conflict with International Law (2004)
- The Law of Economic Crimes (2005)
- Consumer Protection Law (2005)
- Editorials and speeches on behalf of the CRC and in various relevant legal and social science periodicals in Lebanon and abroad. Many of these articles have been translated into French and Spanish.

Farith Ricardo SIMÓN CAMPAÑA (Ecuador)

Date and place of birth: 31 January 1966, Latacunga, Ecuador

Working languages: Spanish and English (spoken)

Current position/function:

University lecturer on human rights and on childhood and adolescence; co-director of the Legal Clinic and Mediation Centre (University of San Francisco de Quito Law School). Member of the Board of the National Institute for Children and the Family (INNFA) until December 2008. Consultant on issues related to human rights, children and justice.

Main professional activities:

University professor. Litigation in cases of public interest, especially in human rights cases before local courts or taken up by the Inter-American human rights system. Research into human rights, legal pluralism, children's rights and justice (adoption, work, people-trafficking, child labour, impunity and justice, legislation), gender and criminal procedure. Helped train civil servants, teachers and street educators in the protection and guarantee of children's rights and family law. Helped design and carry out the first prison census in Ecuador and for nine years coordinated projects to reform and provide access to the justice system. Defends cases in local courts.

Educational background:

Master's degree in the rights of children and young people, International University of Andalusia.

Doctor of Law, Catholic University of Ecuador (1995).

Lawyer, Catholic University of Ecuador (1995).

Law degree, Catholic University of Ecuador (1995).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Member of Defence for Children International (Ecuador) since 1990. Lectured on the rights of children and young people at the Catholic University of Quito, State and Catholic universities of Guayaquil, Simón Bolívar Andean University, Andrés Bello University (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) and the Central American University (El Salvador). Member of drafting group on Ecuador's Childhood and Adolescence Code (2003) and the Youth Act. Member of team supporting ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990) and coordinating the first children's elections (1990). Worked on issues relating to childhood and adolescence, criminal procedure reform and gender, and transparency, in Ecuador, Guatemala, Bolivia, Colombia and Honduras. First person to research illegal adoptions in Ecuador. Recognized as a social entrepreneur by Ashoka.

List of most recent publications in the field:

"La trata de personas y la explotación sexual infantil, una breve revisión a las normas que la tratan" (Trafficking in persons and child sexual exploitation: a brief review of the relevant standards)

"Aplicación e interpretación en el Ecuador de los tratados multilaterales sobre derechos humanos" (Implementation and interpretation in Ecuador of multilateral human rights treaties)

"Globalización y derechos humanos" (Globalization and human rights)

"Administración de justicia y seguridad ciudadana" (Administration of justice and public safety)

"Informe comparativo de la reforma procesal penal desde una perspectiva de género" (Comparative study on criminal procedure reform from a gender-based perspective)

"Análisis general del Código de la Niñez y Adolescencia" (General analysis of the Childhood and Adolescence Code)

Kamla Devi VARMAH (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 14 March 1960, Mauritius

Working languages: English and French

Current position/function:

- Attorney at law (Bachelor of Laws), attending to cases at the level of the Supreme Court and other courts in Mauritius

- Chairperson of the National Children's Council (a national para-statal body and national forum where both governmental and non-governmental organizations work for the protection, development and welfare of children)

- Part-time Legal Adviser for the Municipal Council of Curepipe, the State Trading Corporation, Mauritius Telecoms Ltd and the Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd

Main professional activities:

- Under the National Children's Council Act 2003, one of the key objectives of the National Children's Council is to "promote activities for the welfare of the children in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child"

- As per article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the responsibility of the State to protect children from all forms of abuse by parents or others responsible for the care of children, the NCC is presently managing a shelter for women and children in distress. Eighty children inmates are sheltered there

- As per article 42 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, under which the State takes the commitment to make the principles and provisions of the Convention widely known to both children and adults, the NCC is holding a yearly calendar of talks and participatory workshops on the Convention at pre-primary, primary and secondary schools and in the community at large: 38 participatory workshops were held at pre-primary schools: 316 talks were held at primary schools and 226 talks at secondary schools; 46 participatory workshops were held at primary level, and 25 participatory workshops at secondary level

- As per article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on sexual exploitation, NCC has carried out 437 talks which were attended by 5,641 students, 281 teachers and 2,200 children members of Kids and Teens Clubs

- Pursuant to article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that the aim of education is to develop children's personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to the fullest potential, NCC is managing two Creativity Centres (on the model of Bal Bhawan-Childrens' Centres in India)

- Pursuant to article 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on freedom of association and article 31, on leisure, recreation and cultural activities, the NCC is running 24 Kids and Teens Clubs

Educational background:

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Mauritius

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- I have been fully involved in the introduction and implementation of the Parental Empowerment Programme, the Community Child Protection Programme at district level and the Community Child Watch in several localities of Mauritius

- In September 2006, I attended an International Conference on Preventing, Combating and Trafficking in Women and Children in Commercial Sexual Exploitation in New Delhi, India

- In November 2008, I will attend the Third World Congress of ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) in Brazil

- I am presently writing a paper on children's rights

List of most recent publications in the field:

A child-friendly version of the various articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the National Children's Council (in French).

Susana VILLARAN DE LA PUENTE (Peru)

Date and place of birth: 16 August 1949, Lima, Peru

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Current position/function:

President of the Institute for Public Safety, with projects in Chilca, Huancayo, Tacna, Ayacucho and Cajamarca. Consultant for the Colombian human rights programme of Management Sciences for Development (MSD) on the preparation of a compendium of jurisprudential standards of the universal and inter-American system of human rights on the use of force and firearms, and the handbook and rules of the Colombian National Police on the use of force and firearms.

Main professional activities:

In the past two years:

Projects related to the prevention of violence, working with children and young people, preparing "maps of fear" for districts and provinces, to improve district, provincial and regional plans for public safety. Consultancy services on compensation and reparation for victims of the internal armed conflict in Guatemala. Impact assessment of the decade-long presence in Colombia of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Evaluation of the Guatemalan Presidential Human Rights Commission. Preparation of handbook for torture victims.

Educational background:

Teacher, first-class (secondary school). Degree certificate.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Public policies on childhood and adolescence: social programmes, prevention of youth violence; establishment of a national programme to prevent and deal with physical, psychological and sexual abuse; national consultations on the National Action Plan for Children and Adolescents; establishment of the Organized Youth Initiatives Project, a policy on teenagers and young people (a grant fund in Peru); evaluation and proposal for reform of the National Family Welfare Institute as regards children and young people at social risk.

- Disputes concerning children's law before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; monitoring the situation of children in countries in the hemisphere, through publication of chapters on the rights of children and young people in country reports.

List of most recent publications in the field:

"La infancia y sus derechos en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos" (Children and their rights in the inter-American human rights system).

"El derecho a la educación: buenas prácticas de exigibilidad en el hemisferio" (The right to education: good practice in enforceability in the hemisphere) (in preparation).

Carmen ZAMMIT (Malta)

Date and place of birth: 15 March 1943, Malta

Working languages: Maltese, English and Italian

Current position/function:

Commissioner for Children. I am expected: to ensure that the rights of the child as enshrined by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child are respected by ministries, departments and other entities that work with and for children; to promote the protection of children and the highest standards of health, social services, leisure, play and recreational facilities for children; and to ensure that children are being given the opportunity to express their opinion.

Main professional activities:

Operations director for residential facilities for Maltese youth with challenging behaviour and residential facilities for minor asylum-seekers placed under a care order and families with young children.

Social worker at the Department of Social Welfare for 25 years, Director of the Department of Social Welfare for a period of 3 years.

Served as secretary to the Children and Young Persons Advisory for a period of 12 years and then as member and as vice-chairperson to the board for another 10 years.

Advisor to the Second Hall of the Civil Court in cases involving minors.

Member on the fostering and adoption panel for a period of three years.

Assistant to the Juvenile Court for 13 years, Probation Officer for youth in trouble with the law for 20 years.

Consultant to the Social Work Unit at the Ministry for Gozo for four years.

Chairperson of the Social Work Profession board for a period of four years.

March 2007: appointed Commissioner for children, an independent human rights institution, set up by Parliament to promote and monitor compliance of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Malta.

Educational background:

Diploma di Assistente Sociale from the Scuola Superior di Reggio Calabria (Italy).

Postgraduate certificate in Advanced Techniques in Social Work Management from the University of Malta.

A four-month course organized by the Council of International Programmes in the United States, at the West Virginia University School of Social Work and Morgantown University.

Attended numerous other seminars which focused on children's rights organized in Malta and in various European countries.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Participated in an Action Research project between the University of Malta and the Ministry of Education on educational rights of children with disabilities. Delivered a number of papers on the Convention on the Rights of the Child to various entities, NGOs and other bodies working with and for children. Carried out a research on Child Abuse in Malta and children placed under a care order, the results of which were presented during a national conference. Delivered two papers related to children's rights during two international conferences organized by the Association for the Counselling Profession and the Malta Association of Psychologists. Put forward suggestions for amendments in Maltese legislation to guarantee children's rights.

List of most recent publications in the field:

"Children at risk" (2000). This paper defines the nature and extent of child abuse and neglect based on a research of children placed under a care order.

Delivered a number of papers at national and international conferences held in Malta.

Jean ZERMATTEN (Switzerland)

Date and place of birth: 2 March 1948, Sion, Switzerland

Working languages: French, English, Spanish, German and Italian

Current position/function:

Director, International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE), Sion, Switzerland.

Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Main professional activities:

1980-2005 President and senior member of the juvenile court of the canton of Valais, Switzerland.

1979-1980 Ad hoc judge at the juvenile criminal court, Fribourg, Switzerland.

Academic activities:

2005-2008 Director, international master's degree in children's rights, University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB)/University of Fribourg, Sion, Switzerland.

Director and lecturer, diploma in child protection, IDE/IUKB, Sion, Switzerland.

Director and lecturer, diploma in psycho-legal appraisal of children and adolescents, IDE/IUKB, Sion, Switzerland.

Lecturer on the rights of the child, School of Social Studies, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Lecturer on juvenile criminal law and children's law, Haute Ecole Spécialisée (HES) (advanced college) for health/social work, Sion, Switzerland.

1989-1999 Lecturer, Introduction to the Law, University of Fribourg, Arts Faculty (Social Work), Fribourg, Switzerland.

Lecturer on juvenile criminal law, University of Fribourg, Law Faculty, Fribourg, Switzerland.

Educational background:

2007 Honorary doctor, Law Faculty, University of Fribourg.

1972 Law degree, University of Fribourg.

1968 Baccalaureate B (Classic), Collège de Sion.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Current activities related to child protection:

Member of numerous governing boards of associations and foundations: founder of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child, Fondation des enfants de Mafli (helping children), Fondation St. Raphaël (for young offenders in difficulty), Fondation Sarah Oberson (help for child victims), Fondation du Foyer d'Accueil l'Ilôt (family centre), Fondation de l'Institut de la Famille (research institute).

2000	Opening of website www.childsrights.org, providing information on children's rights in seven languages: French, English and Spanish (main languages), and German, Italian, Arabic and Chinese (secondary languages).
2005	Establishment of the Sentier des droits de l'enfant (an educational children's rights trail).

National and international activities:

2003-2008	Numerous appraisals and training missions in Switzerland and abroad (China, Myanmar, Peru, Nicaragua, Senegal, Burkina Faso).
2005	Initiated the project "Concordat romand sur l'exécution de la privation de liberté des mineurs".
2004	Drafted the Valais law on the enforcement of juvenile criminal law.
2001	Author of the preparatory draft of the federal law on criminal procedure applicable to juveniles.
1994-1998	President of the International Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family (IAMYF).
1986-1994	Member of the expert committee reviewing the general part of the Swiss Criminal Code.
1984-1990	President of the Swiss Society for Criminal Law for Juveniles (SSDPM).
1982-1994	Member of the IAMYF board of directors.

List of most recent publications in the field:

2008	*Enfants en situation de rue: prévention, intervention, respect des droits*, ed., IDE, Sion.
2007	*Femmes mutilées: plus jamais*, film on female genital mutilation (co-produced with Paola Riva Gapany and Carole Roussopoulos), IDE, Sion.

2007 *Realizing the Rights of the Child* (co-edited with Carol Bellamy), University of Zurich, Chair of Political Philosophy.

2007 *18 Candles: the Convention on the Rights of the Child Reaches Majority* (co-edited with Jane Connors and Anastasia Panayotidis, of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights), IDE, Sion.

2007 *Life on the Streets. Children and Adolescents on the Streets. Inevitable Trajectories?* ed., IDE, Sion.

2006 *Droits des enfants en situation de handicap* (Rights of children living with disabilities), ed., IDE, Sion.

2005 *Droit à l'éducation: solution à tous les problèmes ou problème sans solution?* (Right to education: solution to all problems or problem without solution?), ed., IDE, Sion.

2005 *Les jeunes et le suicide en Valais*, ed., IDE, Sion.

2005 *Droits d'enfants*, ed., IDE, Sion (teaching aid for the Children's Rights Trail).

2004 *Trafic d'enfants: une fatalité? De la réalité du terrain aux meilleures pratiques* (Child trafficking: a fatality? From field reality to better practices), ed., IDE, Sion.

2004 *10 petits contes pour ne pas s'endormir: les droits de l'enfant*, Editions Saint-Augustin, Saint-Maurice.

2004 *Les Droits de l'enfant et le SIDA: du tabou aux stratégies d'intervention* (The rights of the child and HIV/AIDS: from taboos to intervention strategies), ed., IDE, Sion.

2003 *Les droits de l'enfant: et les filles?* ed., IDE, Sion.

2002 *Tribunal des mineurs: le petit tailleur et autres histoires de galère*, collection Aire de famille, Editions Saint-Augustin, Switzerland.

2002 *L'enfant et la guèrre*, ed., IDE, Sion.

2001 *Etrangers, migrants, requérants, clandestins: et les droits de l'enfant?* ed., IDE, Sion.

2000 *Cent ans de justice juvénile: Bilan et perspectives*, ed., IDE, Sion.

1999 *Les droits de l'enfant dans le sport*, ed., IDE, Sion.

Jean-Baptiste ZOUNGRANA (Burkina Faso)

Date and place of birth: 26 April 1963, Koudougou, Burkina Faso

Working languages: French and English

Current position/function:

Social affairs officer: I work as a technical inspector in the office of the Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity, in addition to my duties as a member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, which come to an end in November, following the swearing in of the new members elected in July 2008 at the latest conference of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

Main professional activities:

- Support and advice for departmental units and technical and financial partners in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of child-related programmes, projects and activities, including the children's action plan, the child protection code, the project to combat child-trafficking, the strategic framework and programme for taking care of orphans and other vulnerable children, and the programme of action of the children's parliament

- Inspection and monitoring of the application of the laws in organizations active in the field of children's rights

- Promoting the rights of the child to bodies and organs of the African Union, and encouraging States parties to ratify and apply the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: technical support for civil society organizations and meetings with officers of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child to build up the partnership and synergy between the two institutions in the exercise of my mandate as chairman of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (December 2005 to May 2008)

Educational background:

I successfully completed my postgraduate studies (DESS - diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées) in development project management at the African Institute for Advanced Management (IAPM) in Ouagadougou, years after obtaining the State Diploma for Social Work at the Faculty of Health Sciences in Cotonou, Benin. Before university, I obtained a Baccalaureata A4 and all the prerequisite qualifications.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

At the African level, I continue to receive requests from the African Union and international child protection organizations (African Child Policy Forum, International Committee of the Red Cross, etc.) for expert or consultancy services, in light of the significant progress made by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child under my chairmanship. At the national level, I am actively involved in the fight against female genital

mutilation as a member of the National Committee to Combat Female Circumcision. I provide technical input for reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, its optional protocols and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and also for alternative reports under these instruments and on other children's issues.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Contributions to the following publications:

- *Priorité Enfant*, a journal devoted to work on children
- *Le Nuove Regiole delle Adozioni* (The new rules on international adoption)
- "Guidelines on getting children off the street", UNESCO
- "Street children and HIV & AIDS: methodological guide for facilitators", UNESCO
- "Ending legalised violence against children", special report on Africa by Save the Children Sweden

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Twelfth Meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 16 December 2008.

2. The curricula vitae of 20 candidates received by 22 August 2008 are reproduced in document CRC/SP/40.

3. The present document contains the biographical data of two further candidates, received after 22 August 2008.

Sharon Esther Geerlings -Headley (Suriname)

Date and place of birth: 21 August 1967, Paramaribo, Suriname

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Professor of Law/ Division Private Law University of Suriname (1997-ongoing)
- Lecturing Youth and Family Law and Civil Law of Procedure
- Chair of the University Child rights Institute (2001-2007)
- Director of NGO Family and Law (March 2007- ongoing).

Main professional activities:

Sharon Geerlings-Headley is a lawyer specialized in youth and family law. She is a Law professor at the University of Suriname teaching Youth and Family Law and Civil law of procedure where she is also a PHD candidate. She started her professional career as a legal officer at the Bureau at Family law affairs in 1992 where she was responsible for leading cases regarding children (child protection measures, adoption, alimony etc).She was confronted on a daily basis with legal and judicial aspects as they relate to children. The witnessing of the effects on children has generated a keen interest in youth law in her, which contributed to her career focus on family and youth law. Her main areas of interest are the legal position of the child in judicial affairs and education .She is strongly advocating for the protection of children and she has drafted several legislative products and standards for children in Suriname She has also regularly carried out research into the situation of children in Suriname and the Caribbean such as the *Juvenile Justice research, Legislation and standards for ECD and Situation analysis of Children* .She has also been privileged over the past few years to contribute to the development of legal and policy frameworks and plans to protect and promote the rights of children on the national level. Since 1999, she has drafted the national policy plan on youth and was also actively involved in the organization of the election of the first ever Youth Council in Suriname. She is founder and first Chair of the University Child rights institute of the Faculty of Social Sciences..

Educational background:

- Doctoral Law - Anton de Kom University of Suriname (March 1996)
- Design and management of Social Policies and Programmes, (post-academic) Washington DC, June 2003
- July 2004 – Post-academic training: *Children, Youth and Development.* Institute of Social Studies, ISS, The Hague, Netherlands
- October 2006 - New developments in Family Law I (*Actualities Family Law*)
- May 2007 - New developments in Family Law II :(*Actualities Family Law).*

Training

- Alert and Counselling by sexual child abuse *(Signalering en counseling bij seksuele Kindermishandeling*), Paramaribo (1994)
- Policy development (*Cursus in Beleidsontwikkeling*), Paramaribo (1999)
- Writing scientific papers *(opstellen van wetenschappelijke documenten* (2001))
- Presenting (2001)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- 1998-2000 – Member of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child (Steering committee on youth)
- October 2002-2006 – Deputy member of the Committee's gender legislation
- March –August 2003 - Coordinator and trainer of the Certificate course "The child in Suriname and its Rights" , Anton de Kom University of Suriname
- August -October 2005 - Coordinator and trainer of the diploma programme "Early childhood Education", Anton de Kom University of Suriname
- October 2006 - Coordinator and trainer of the diploma programme "New developments in family law module I" by Prof. Dr. J. De Boer, Anton de Kom University of Suriname.
- April 2007 - Training provided for the personnel of the Ministry of Justice: Review of the Surinamese legislation with international legislation in the field of women and children
- June 2007 - Coordinator of the training "New developments in family law module II" by Prof. Dr. J. De Boer, Anton de Kom University of Suriname
- Contributed to the following booklets:

  Juvenile Justice in Suriname, October 2001

  The Rights of the Child, Questions and Answers, November 2002.

List of most recent publications in the field:

- Evaluation of the regulations regarding the position of the minor in civil (law) suit. (*Evaluatie van de regels betreffende de positie van de minderjarige in het burgerlijk geding)* (1996)
- Memorandum Framework youth policy (*het jeugdbeleid*), October 1998
- Chapter of the National Children's Policy dealing with protection of children (1999)
- Juvenile Justice in Suriname (research paper) part of a regional UNICEF research (March 2000)
- National Youth Policy; presented to the President of the Republic of Suriname on 10 May 2000 (in co-authorship)
- Is our family law all right? Critical articles written by S. Headley on Surinamese Family law) *("Is ons familierecht O.K.? Kritische artikels betreffende het Surinaams familierecht*) (August 2000)

- "Situation analysis on children and policy plan for The Ministry of Social Affairs", August 2001 (in co-authorship)
- Early Childhood Education Legislation for the CCDC, school of continuing studies, UWI Jamaica (standards and legislation) (May 2003)
- Amendment of Law and regulations with respect to the introduction of the 10-year basic education cycle- IDB, (research paper) (April 2004)
- An elderly friendly legislation?: (naar een bejaarden-vriendelijke wetgeving: *onderzoeksrapport naar mogelijkheden ter verbetering van de opvang, zorg en begeleiding van bejaarden in instellingen)* (February 2005)
- Policy Plan children 2008-2012: Based on the 2000 and 2007 recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child for Suriname.

Samira Moosa (Oman)

Date and place of birth: 28 October 1959. Doha, Qatar.

Working languages: Arabic/ English

Current position/ function:

Member of State Council of Oman, Legal Committee. Head of Department of Early Childhood Education, Sultan Qaboos University; Director of the Child Development Centre, SQU, (supervise Student- Teacher Training; teaching and research responsibilities, plan curriculum, recruit faculty ; review programmes and conduct evaluations; plan parent workshops, oversee development of educational materials).

Main professional activities:

- Selected by the Association for Childhood Education International as a representative of the Arab World to participate in the drafting of the "International Guidelines for Education and Care of Young Children" in July 1999 in Zurich, Switzerland.
- Translated the outcome document of the International Symposium on Early Childhood Education and Care for the 21st Century from English to Arabic 2001. The Arabic version is now available on the website: www.ecec21.org
- Established the Department of Early Childhood Education in SQU, developed a four-year programme and a two-year diploma programme based on international standards. Established a Child Development Centre on Campus.

Educational background:

PhD, University of Southern California, 1994. Major: Early Childhood Education. Minor: Family Counselling.

MA, California State University, 1985. Major: ECE.

BA, University of California, 1982. Major, Home Economics

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Member of the National Committee for Child Rights and Chair of the Subcommittee on Research. Participated in the formulation and review process of the initial report of Oman on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and a member of the committee which defended the report at the United Nations in Geneva, 2001. Initiated the idea of establishing the first Children's Public Library in Oman and current Chair of the board. Prepared manuals on parenting issues and conducted workshops on the subject. Also conducted workshops on children's rights, play, acculturation and the role of family, school and community. Started a mother and child care course for male students at university level. Chair of the committee for formulating the Omani Children's Law.

List of most recent publications in the field:

(With M. Alshishtawi , "Assessment of Child Rights Awareness among Omani Children, Parents and Teachers", .UNICEF. (in press)

(With J., Hoot, and T. Szecsi), ."What Teachers of Young Children Should know About Islam" *Early Childhood Education Journal*, vol. 31, No.2, 2003.

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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDENDUM

After the preparation of documents CRC/SP/40 and Add.1 the Secretary-General received notes verbale from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the United Nations, dated 3 December 2008 and 9 December 2008 respectively, informing him that the Government of Lebanon had decided to withdraw the nomination of Mr. Ghassan Salim Rabah and that the Government of Suriname had decided to withdraw the nomination of Ms. Sharon E. Geerlings-Headley.

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